

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
  
REGARDING A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE  
CANAMEX CORRIDOR THROUGH THE MARICOPA REGION**

WHEREAS, the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) recognized the need to analyze alternatives for a route through the Maricopa region for the CANAMEX Corridor,

WHEREAS, such designation carried into federal legislation will better enable the region to receive federal funding for improvements to that corridor,

WHEREAS, a joint MAG-ADOT study of alternative corridors has been completed, and agency, public and other stakeholder consultation on the results of the study has been conducted,

WHEREAS, the Governor's CANAMEX Task Force has reviewed and considered the results of the study, including input received during previous consultation, and passed resolutions supporting the direction of the study recommendations, as follows:

Resolution #1: Be it resolved that the CANAMEX Task Force recommend that Loops 101 and 303 be eliminated from further consideration for designation as part of the CANAMEX Corridor through Maricopa County.

Resolution #2: Be it resolved that the CANAMEX Task Force recommend that the future CANAMEX designation through Maricopa County shall include I-8 from I-10 to SR 85, SR 85 from I-8 to I-10, and the route commonly referred to as the "ultimate Wickenburg Bypass" as defined by the ADOT Design Concept Report that is currently underway, and that all future connecting routes within Maricopa County be located outside of the air quality nonattainment area as defined in the MAG 1999 Serious Area Plan for PM-10.

WHEREAS, a resolution is needed to provide certainty to MAG member agencies and to the public as to which routes have been eliminated from further consideration for the CANAMEX Corridor,

WHEREAS, further study is needed for the portion of the corridor between the SR 85 / I-10 junction and the Wickenburg Bypass, as the selection of a route in this area could be affected by other ongoing studies and plans that are expected to be completed in 2001,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Maricopa Association of Governments recommends the future designation of the CANAMEX Corridor within the Maricopa region to include I-8 between I-10 and SR 85, SR 85 between I-8 and I-10, and the US 93 / US 60 Wickenburg Bypass, with the connection between the SR 85 / I-10 junction and the Wickenburg Bypass to be designated following additional study but constrained to a location outside of the air quality nonattainment area for particulate matter under ten microns in diameter (PM-10) as specified in the "Revised MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10 for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area" (February 2000).

ADOPTED THIS first day of November 2000.

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Mayor Skip Rimsza, Chairman  
MAG Regional Council

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James M. Bourey, Secretary  
MAG Executive Director